



# Rule Up For Final Action

Proposed Amendments to

WAC 230-40-070

Licensee to furnish all cards, chips and other services.

**ITEM 9 (a) on the July 9, 2004, Commission Meeting Agenda.**

**Statutory Authority 9.46.070**

**Who proposed the rule change?**

Staff, at the request of licensees.

**Why is this rule change needed?**

This rule requires card room operators which hold a 1) house-banked; 2) Class F; or 3) Class E over 5 tables, license to use logo cards in their games. Logo cards provide a security feature to discourage/prevent other cards from being introduced into a game from an outside source, which may compromise the integrity of a card game.

Several Class E and Class F licensees have reported they are finding it difficult to obtain logo cards. This is due to fewer manufacturers making logo cards, especially in the smaller quantities these smaller operators request. These card rooms have requested the ability to use non-logo cards.

Staff feel house-banked card games and games with a player-supported jackpot should continue to use logo cards. However, staff does not have regulatory concerns with Class E and Class F licensees using non-logo cards for games that do not have a player-supported jackpot.

The proposed amendment requires Class E and Class F licensees to use non-logo cards, only in games that have a player-supported jackpot. This change will assist approximately six licensees.

**Statements against the proposed rule change.**

None at this time.

**Which licensees will be directly impacted?**

Card rooms.

**What are the potential impacts to the agency?**

Minimal.

**Staff recommendation.**

Adoption

**Proposed effective date.**

August 9, 2004, assuming the rule is adopted at the July 9, 2004, Commission meeting to become effective 31 days from filing.